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- General Assistance provides cash grants and medical coverage to needy adults assessed to be unemployable because of a physical or mental incapacity
- Primarily state-funded
- Average General Assistance grant: \$296/month
- Current caseload: 25,566 in January 2005



General Assistance is expected to cost \$420 million in state funds next biennium, an increase of 30%, or \$96 million, from the current biennium

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